Mountain Weather Forecast

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran

Forecast valid from 06:00 on Thursday 30 Dec 2021 until 23:59 on Friday 31 Dec 2021

Forecast Issued on Thursday 30 Dec 2021 at 02:24 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for mild, changeable and often windy weather, lower for cloud and rainfall details each day.

Headline for Thursday 30 Dec 2021: Very windy, with severe gale, possibly storm force, winds. Early rain showers then mainly dry with some clear or sunny intervals.

Mountain weather hazards on Thursday 30 Dec 2021

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy Snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
Low Likelihood

Gales
High Likelihood

Severe chill effect
Low Likelihood

Poor visibility
Low Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
Low Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Heavy Rain	Cloudy	Cloudy	Sunny intervals	Partly cloudy (night)	Cloudy
Precipitation probability					
60%	20%	20%	10%	10%	10%

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Weather: Showers frequent and heavy at first, dying away by late morning. Best of the limited bright or sunny intervals more likely towards the Trossachs. A very windy day with severe gales, perhaps storm force at times. Mainly dry in the evening with winds easing but cloud thickening from the south late evening, perhaps bringing rain towards midnight.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 20% increasing 40% in the afternoon, decreasing again by midnight.

Visibility: Generally good away from cloud, which will be quite widespread above 750m, though breaking in shelter. Poor in heavier rain by midnight.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	50/60 SW	41/51 SW	36/46 SW	32/41 SW	27/35 SW	22/29 SW	16/21 S
900	32/42 SW	28/37 SW	26/36 SW	24/33 SW	20/27 SW	17/23 SW	13/18 S
600	43/52 SW	35/44 SW	32/41 SW	28/37 SW	23/31 SW	18/25 SW	13/17 S
300	23/33 SW	18/28 SW	17/28 SW	14/24 SW	12/21 SW	8/14 S	7/10 S
Glen	15/29 SW	13/27 SW	14/28 SW	11/24 SW	9/20 SW	6/13 SW	4/8 S

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
1300	4/-3	4/-4	3/-4	2/-5	2/-5	2/-5	2/-4
900	5/-1	5/-1	5/-1	4/-1	4/-1	4/-1	3/-1
600	8/2	8/2	7/2	7/1	6/1	6/2	6/3
300	9/5	10/6	9/6	9/6	8/5	8/6	8/7
Glen	10/7	10/8	11/8	10/8	10/7	9/8	9/8
Freezing Level*	1900m	1700m	1600m	1400m	1300m	1400m	1400m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Despite relatively high freezing levels, a strong wind chill.

Forecast for Friday 31 Dec 2021
Weather: Cloudy with outbreaks of rain, persistent and heavy overnight and into the morning then becoming light and patchy, with cloud breaking in the afternoon and evening. More rain returning towards midnight.

Maximum wind: Northeast 20-30mph becoming north or northwest in the afternoon. By midnight southerly 40-50mph gusts 70mph.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: Little chance in the morning then improving to 80% during the afternoon though a limited cloud free period before dusk.

Visibility: Poor in the morning with cloud widely down to 600-750m, then becoming mainly good as cloud breaks and lifts.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 10 Celsius.
At 800m: Plus 5 Celsius
Freezing level: Above the summits

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